

Test - Chapters 22 and 23 June 13th  
Omit your lowest test - no makeups

Current, Voltage and Resistance

Symbols for circuit elements  
Electric power

We talked about charge,  $q$ .  
Measured in Coulombs, C and is  
caused by the presence of electrons  
and protons(mostly).

The charge of an electron or proton has  
a magnitude of  $1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{C} = e$

Electric current,  $I$ , is the rate of electric  
charge flow - amount of charge per unit  
time.

equation:  $I = q/t$  units: Ampère, A  
where  $1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s}$

Voltage - is the electrostatic energy/per unit charge.

equation:  $V = \text{energy} / \text{charge}$

units: Volts,  $V = \text{J/C}$

How do you produce current and voltage?

3 main ways - generators (magnet near a coil of wire moving), batteries (chemical reactions) and photoelectric cells (photons kick electrons).

Power output is the product of the voltage and current.

$P = VI = \text{J}/\cancel{\text{C}} \times \cancel{\text{C}}/\text{s} = \text{J}/\text{s} = \text{Energy}/\text{time}$   
in Watts, W

eg. A battery is listed as 6.0V and connects through a light bulb that changes electrical energy into light and heat. If a 0.20 A current flows through

the light bulb,

a) What is the power of the light bulb?

$$P=VI = 6.0V \times 0.20A = 1.2W$$

b) How much energy is dissipated in 1.0 minute through the light bulb?

$$P=\text{energy}/\text{time} \text{ so energy} = Pt$$

$$1.2W \times 60s = 72J \text{ as light and heat}$$

c) How many electrons flow through the bulb in 1.0 minute?

$$I=q/t \quad q = \text{current} \times \text{time} = 0.20A \times 60s$$

$$q = 12C \quad (1e/1.602 \times 10^{-19}C)$$

$$12/1.602 = 7.4906 = 7.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ electrons}$$

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Ohm's Law - not really a law - it is a definition of resistance,  $R$ .

resistors - devices that dissipate electrical energy as heat. This can control the current and voltage in other devices.

resistance is the ratio of voltage dissipated in a device and the current through that device.

$$R=V/I$$

units: Ohms,  $\Omega = V/A$

Ohmic devices are where the resistance is constant even though the voltage and current changes.

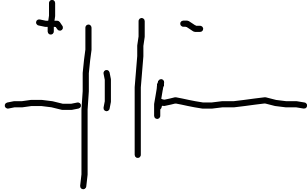
Resistors are Ohmic, light bulbs are a bit off, diodes are way off.

So, in the previous problem where we had a light bulb with 6.0V and 0.20A, the resistance of the bulb was:

$$R=V/I = 6.0V/0.20A = 30\Omega$$


Lab Friday - series and parallel circuits


diagrams:

battery: 


cell 

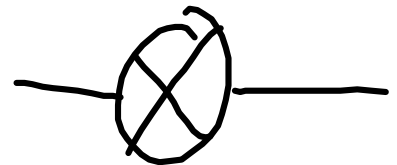
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light bulb 



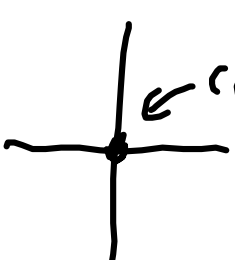
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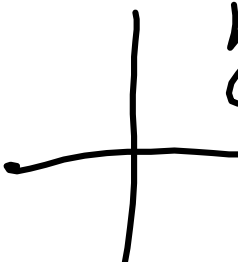
measures current

Voltmeter 

measures voltage

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